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1. The individual Laender agencies are subordinate to the State Security Ministry in Berlin. The heads of the agencies at Laender level hold the rank of Chefinspekteur, the chief for Land Brandenburg being Chefinspekteur Gartmann, residence Potsdam, Schwanenallee. His deputy is Inspekteur Kiefel, who, like many others assigned to the SSD in Potsdam, lives in Schwanenallee.
2. The SSD in Potsdam is composed of various sections, a breakdown of which is given below. In addition, there are 23 agencies in the county seats and the larger cities of Land Brandenburg. Approximately 140 members are employed in the Potsdam headquarters, including a guard detachment and vehicle drivers. Of this number, between 70 and 80 are operational staff members, while 20 are administrative aides. The SSD office is located in the Polizei-praesidium, Potsdam, Bauhofstr. 11-13, Block A. The prison used by the SSD is Prison II, situated in the same complex. Each individual section has its supervisory Russian officer representing the MGB.
3. The organizational structure of the SSD in Potsdam is as follows:

Secretariat

Chefsinspekteur Gartmann
 Inspekteur Kiefel
 Oberräetin Luehr, Potsdam, Alte Zauche
 Polizeimeisterin Ganzer, Potsdam
 Polizeimeisterin Schmidt, Potsdam
 Hauptwachtmeisterin Opitz, Beeskow
 Oberkommissarin Frau Tobalevich (Russian) translator, Potsdam-
 Babelsberg, Schwanenallee
 Kommissarin Kassin, Potsdam

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Administrative (Wirtschaft) Section

Kommandeur Becker, Potsdam, Gontardstr. 14
Deputy: Oberraetin Frau Blaesing, Potsdam, Im Bogen
Oberkommissar Kasang, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
Kommissar Proba, Potsdam, Unter den Eichen
Kommissarin Bohnhow, Potsdam
Polizeimeister Pospich, Schoeneiche
Hauptwachtmeister Reinhardt, Potsdam
Kommissar Wegner, Potsdam-Babelsberg, Benzstr.

Personnel Section

Inspekteur Doering, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
Deputy: Oberraetin Frau Schach, Potsdam
Polizeimeisterin Fr. Engel, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
Oberkommissar Klug, Potsdam-Babelsberg, Ernst-Thaelmannstr.
Polizeirat Zucker, Brandenburg
Kommissar Liedtke, Potsdam

Factory Surveillance Section

Kommandeur Zimmermann, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
Oberrat Erwin Ganzer, Potsdam (formerly in Ministry of the Interior,
named Spitzel by RIAS).
Polizeirat Jaeckel, Potsdam-Drewitz
Kommissar Loewe, junior, Potsdam, Kastanienallee
Kommissar Meuschke, Potsdam, Schwanenallee (engaged to Fr. Engel,
Personnel Section)
Kommissar Paulick, Potsdam, Am alten Markt

Police Surveillance Section

Kommandeur Flegel, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
Kommissar Radke, Potsdam
Polizeimeisterin Zietlow, Potsdam
Polizeirat Pipiorra, Potsdam-Klein-Glienicka
Oberkommissar Semkat, Potsdam
Oberkommissar Schmidt, Potsdam

Personnel Surveillance Section

Kommandeur Koehler, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
Polizeirat Schwertfeger, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
Kommissar Echtermeyer, Potsdam, Am Ruinenberg

Police Alert Squad (Bereitschaften) Section

Kommandeur Lehmann
In addition there are three or four officers of Kommissar rank, names
unknown.

Postal Surveillance Section

Polizeirat Krug, Potsdam, Schwanenallee (married to Tobalevich, trans-
lator in the Secretariat).
Kommissar Mueller, Potsdam
The following are charged with supervision of the mail at the Main Post
Office in Potsdam:

Frau Kerwien, Potsdam-Babelsberg, Rudolf Breitscheidstr.
Frau Kroop, Potsdam-Babelsberg, Ernst-Thaelmannstr.
Frau Duerre, Potsdam

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Press and Party Surveillance Section

Kommandeur Grosse, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
 Oberkommissar Zobel, Potsdam
 Oberkommissar Brueckner, Potsdam
 Hauptwachmeisterin Charlotte Maxa, Potsdam, Zeppelinstr.

Polit/Kultur Section

Kommandeur Schindler, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
 Polizeirätin Schimmack, Potsdam
 Polizeirat Lange, Potsdam

Counter-Espionage Section

Kommandeur Schroeder, Potsdam
 Oberkommissar Sabbath, Potsdam, Im Bogen
 Kommissar Mikosch, Potsdam

Arrest and Detention Section

Kommandeur Koenig, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
 Kommissar Richter, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
 Oberkommissar Woithe, Potsdam
 Sekretärin Grawe, Potsdam

Railway Section

Kommandeur Reimann, Potsdam
 Three additional persons, names unknown, are included in this section.

Search (Fahndung) Section

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 In addition, there are two persons [redacted] since this section
 is still being organized

Interrogation Section

Kommandeur Wagner, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
 Polizeirat Loewe, Potsdam, Kastanienallee
 Polizeirat Dahms, Potsdam
 Polizeimeisterin Zabel (secretary)
 Polizeimeisterin Damm, Potsdam, Schwanenallee
 In addition, six to eight county police officers assist in interrogations.
 The prison is supervised by Kommandeur Wagner, Interrogation Section.
 Prison chief is Polizeimeister Rose.

4. The principal duties of the individual sections are given as follows:
 The Factory Surveillance Section screens the mood and behavior of workers in the VEB's. Informers are placed in the various factories and plants in agreement with the SED Shop Group and are usually regular workers who act as spies for the SSD.

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The Police Surveillance Section screens the various agencies of the police, not including, however, the units of the Volkspolizei Bereitschaften. This being the duty of the Police Bereitschaften Section.

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The Personnel Surveillance Section is concerned with screening and informing on all civilians under suspicion. In the implementation of this task the SSD employs full-time informers who may divide their time between factory surveillance and the execution of particular surveillance tasks. These informers are provided with false employment documentation by the SSD.

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The Postal Surveillance Section has taken over the entire control of the mail, replacing the former Russian control officers. As a consequence letters from or to West Germany or West Berlin hardly ever carry the Soviet censor's stamp, although all such mail is screened. The screening is done either through opening the letters with steam or by the use of ultra-violet light. The women employed by the SSD at the Main Post Office in Potsdam send all suspicious letters to Polizeirat Krug, chief of the section. Krug may then send the letters on to Chefinspekteur Gartmann for further inspection. The letters are then forwarded after copies have been made.

The Arrest and Detention Section is responsible for all arrests, the only exception being immediate arrest on the scene of the crime. For the most part county police officers are used to make the arrests. The individual investigations up to the time of arrest are handled by the separate responsible sections, but after the arrest has been made, the entire matter passes into the hands of the Arrest Section. The Interrogation Section closes out the investigation, prepares a final report and passes on to the court the bill of indictment after the prosecuting attorney has started arraignment proceedings and obtained a confirmation of the accusation. To date [redacted] no instance of a final court decision being taken, giving rise to the assumption that the SSD prefers to drag the investigations out endlessly rather than to pass the case on to the court. [redacted] however, rule out the possibility that a secret court hands down the decision.

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Arrests may be ordered only by Gartmann or Kiefel. The Soviet authorities may interrogate the accused for several hours or, occasionally, for a day, but the arrested are always brought back to the SSD, and only very seldom do the Russians pass sentence on the prisoner. Judicial warrants of arrest are never brought in. A case in point is that of the Potsdam lawyer Schleusener, who was not arrested by the Soviets, but by the SSD, the entire matter being handled secretly.

5. Individual agencies of the SSD in Land Brandenburg are as follows:

Kyritz : Chief: Oberrat Stache
 Wittenberg : Chief: Oberrat Ullmann
 Perleberg : Chief: Oberrat Gladitz
 Brandenburg: Chief: Kommandeur Kuessel
 Templin : Chief: Oberrat Garske

6. The following persons are known [redacted] to be employed in the Ministry of State Security in Berlin:

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Inspekteur Wolle, Chief, Intendantur
 Oberkommissar Willi Wagener, Administrative Section.
 Oberkommissar Hermann, Administrative Section
 Oberkommissarin Herta Manneck, Finance
 Hauptwachtmeisterin Lieselotte Wagener, Postal Surveillance Section

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